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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from this Chamber today. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 43, 44, and 45.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky, Madam Speaker, Tuesday, February 12, 2008, I was absent from the House due to travel complications.

Had I been present I would have voted:

On rollcall No. 43—"yes"—H. Res. 954 honoring the life of senior Border Patrol agent Luis A. Aguilar, who lost his life in the line of duty near Yuma, Arizona, on January 19, 2008:

On rollcall No. 44-"yes"-H. Res. 909, commemorating the courage of the Haitian soldiers that fought for American independence in the "Siege of Savannah" and for Haiti's independence and renunciation of slavery;

On rollcall No. 45—"yes"—H. Con. Res. 281, celebrating the birth of Abraham Lincoln and recognizing the prominence the Declaration of Independence played in the development of Abraham Lincoln's beliefs.

□ 1915

EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-TIVES ON THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE TOM LANTOS, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H RES 975

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable Tom Lantos, a Representative from the State of California.

Resolved, That a committee of such Members of the House as the Speaker may designate, together with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of applicable accounts of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased. Resolved, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from California is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my distinguished colleague from California (Mr. DREIER) have half of my time to man-

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the Speaker, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. Pelosi).

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, thank the gentleman for yielding. I thank him for the formal notification of the Congress that he presented earlier to the House of Representatives, and thank him for bringing us this opportunity to express our sadness over the passing of our colleague, Tom LAN-TOS.

Madam Speaker and my colleagues, yesterday morning when I received the very sad news of Chairman Lantos's passing, that call was followed very quickly by a call from the President of the United States expressing to me as Speaker, but through me to each and every one of you, his sadness over Tom's passing and his words of praise for Tom Lantos's leadership. I told the President how appreciative I knew we would all be of his kind words and that I would convey them to this House of Representatives.

Madam Speaker, you know that the House, not only the House, the Congress, the country, has lost one of its most talented leaders, and the world, indeed the world, has lost one of its greatest champions for human rights with the passing of Chairman Tom LAN-Tos. He was a statesman, he was a gentleman, and he will be deeply missed.

As the only Holocaust survivor ever elected to Congress, Tom Lantos devoted his public life to shining a bright light on the dark corners of oppression. From his earliest days in the House, when he founded with Congressman JON PORTER the Congressional Human Rights Caucus, to his final days as